year 1998-99 from U.P. Export Corporation Ltd., Kanpur amounting to Rs. 261.50 lakhs. The proposal was not considered by the Government as the project was not in conformity with the parameters of any of the approved schemes of the Government for promotion and development of handicrafts.

(b) Does not arise.

Lifting barriers between PoK and J&K

*432. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India have decided to lift barriers at specific locations along the Line of Control so that Kashmiris living in PoK could travel to J&K for family reunions; and

(b) if so, the number of joints to be opened on the 540 km. long LoC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) As confidence building measures with Pakistan, Government have proposed to open new check posts at designated points along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) The check posts are proposed to be opened at two places along the LoC.

Modernisation of CPMF

*433. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the modernisation of Central Para-Military Forces has received a severe jolt because the funds earmarked for the modernisation could not be made available in the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that the funds for the modernisation of CPMFs are made available and properly utilised?